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Letter dated 26 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the decision on the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan which was adopted at the meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Moscow on 21 June 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(*Signed*) S. **Lavrov**

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Annex to the letter dated 26 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Decision on the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan

The Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

In connection with the appeal by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan for an end to the operation of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan and their disbandment,

Supporting the efforts of the leadership of the Republic of Tajikistan for the further strengthening of peace and national accord in that country,

Taking into consideration the positive results of the inter-Tajik dialogue conducted under the auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of observer countries and the successful implementation of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan of 27 June 1997,

Noting the important role of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in maintaining security and a stable situation in the country, ensuring favourable conditions for the progressive development of the inter-Tajik dialogue and the implementation of the peace agreements and their substantial contribution to ensuring the inviolability of the Tajik-Afghan border from outside encroachments, creating conditions for the safe return of refugees to their homes, ensuring compliance with the norms of international humanitarian law, and also ensuring the safety of the personnel of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, the Mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and other international organizations,

Considering that the objectives of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan have been fulfilled,

Stressing the importance of continuing the efforts of the States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the United Nations, OSCE, other international organizations, and the entire world community in providing assistance to the post-conflict restoration of the economy of the Republic of Tajikistan,

Recognizing the great significance of the positive experience of political settlement in the Republic of Tajikistan for the settlement of conflict situations in other regions,

Has decided:

1. To end the operation in the Republic of Tajikistan of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces which were formed in accordance with the decision of the Heads of the States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the establishment of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces and the start of their operation of 24 September 1993, and to proceed to disband them.

2. To instruct the Council of Ministers of Defence of the States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, in conjunction with the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States Members of the Commonwealth of

Independent States, to take the necessary measures within three months to implement this decision.

3. To inform the Security Council of this decision of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

4. This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DONE at Moscow on 21 June 2000, in one original copy in the Russian language. The original copy shall be deposited with the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which shall send a certified copy to each of the States which have signed this decision.

For the Republic of Armenia:
(*Signed*)
R. S. **Kocharian**

For the Azerbaijani Republic:

For the Republic of Belarus:
(*Signed*)
A. G. **Lukashenka**

For Georgia:
(*Signed*)
E. A. **Shevardnadze**

For the Republic of Kazakhstan:
(*Signed*)
N. A. **Nazarbaev**

For the Kyrgyz Republic:
(*Signed*)
A. A. **Akayev**

For the Republic of Moldova:

For the Russian Federation:
(*Signed*)
V. V. **Putin**

For the Republic of Tajikistan:
(*Signed*)
E. S. **Rakhmonov**

For Turkmenistan:

For Ukraine:

For the Republic of Uzbekistan:
(*Signed*)
I. A. **Karimov**